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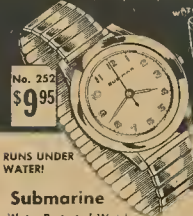
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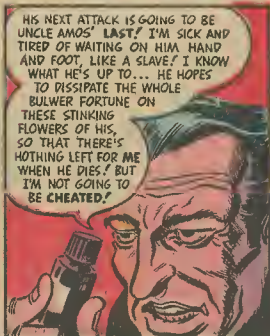
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SIDNEY BULWER WAS FAR TOO SOPHISTICATED TO BELIEVE ANY NONSENSE ABOUT THE DEAD BEING ABLE TO RETURN TO EXACT VENGEANCE. BUT UNEASY DOUBTS BEGAN TO GNAW AT HIS MIND THE NIGHT HE DISCOVERED THAT...

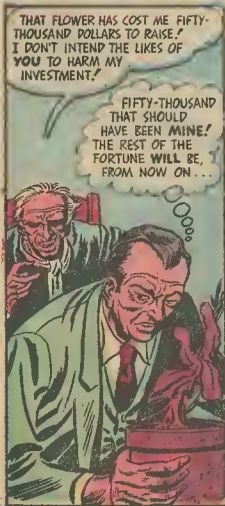
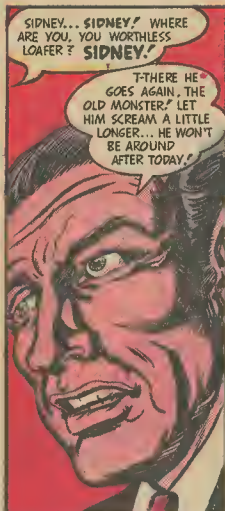
DEATH RAPS TWICE!



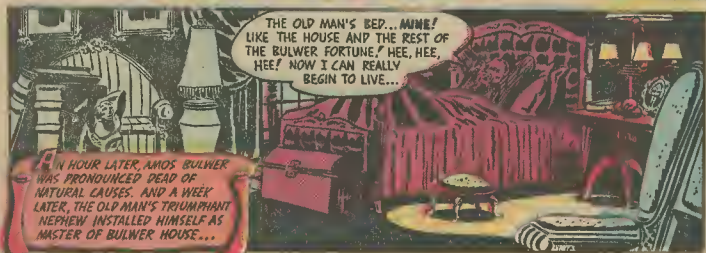
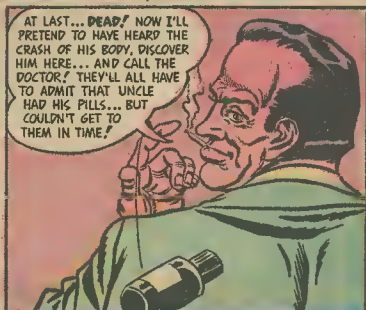
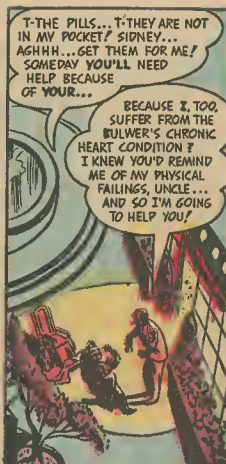
BULWER HOUSE WAS A MAGNIFICENT PALACE WHERE OLD AMOS BULWER DEVOTED HIS FORTUNE TO HIS FABULOUS FLOWERS... AND WHERE HATE SEETHED IN HIS YOUNG NEPHEW'S BRAIN...



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I'LL FAVOR MY HEART BY TAKING IT
EASY AND LETTING OTHERS... WHAT'S
THAT? R-RIGHT OUTSIDE UNCLE...
MY... DOOR!

CRASH!

T-THE FLOWER I KILLED... B-BUT IT C-CAN'T BE!
M-MUST BE A TRICK... ONE OF THE SERVANTS
MAY SUSPECT WHAT HAPPENED... TRYING
TO SCARE ME! G-GOT TO GET OUT OF
THE HOUSE... THINK IN
THE CLEAR AIR!

DRESSING HURRIEDLY, SIDNEY
BULWER PACED THE EMPTY STREETS
FOR HOURS. SUDDENLY ON A
SHABBY SIDE STREET, HE SAW A
SIGN WHICH MADE HIM STARE...

WHY... THIS IS THE WOMAN
UNCLE AMOS INVITED TO
THE HOUSE SEVERAL TIMES!
HMMM... IT'S A LOT OF
NONSENSE, BUT A GOOD
CHUCKLE MIGHT BE
JUST THE THING TO
STEADY MY
NERVES!

I THINK I KNOW WHY YOU HAVE
COME AT SUCH AN ODD HOUR,
SENOR. IT IS IN REFERENCE TO
YOUR DEAD UNCLE THAT YOU
HAVE KNOCKED AT
MY DOOR. IS
IT NOT?

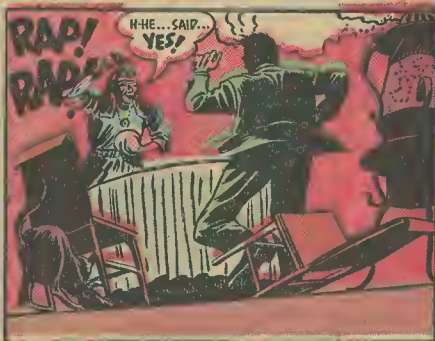
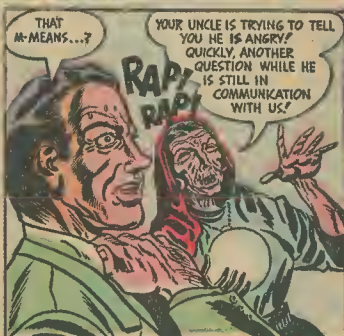
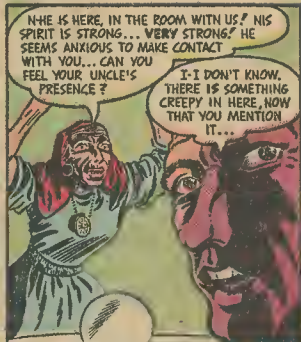
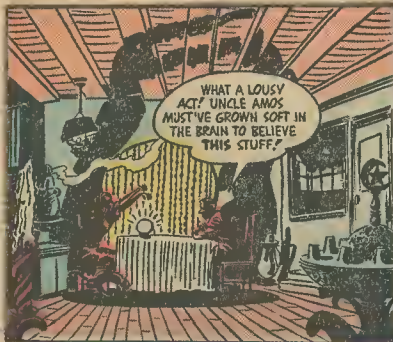
Y-YES... IN
A WAY IT IS!
WHAT CAN YOU
TELL ME ABOUT
UNCLE AMOS?

YOUR UNCLE AND I WERE
QUITE CLOSE, YOUNG MASTER
BULWER. IN HIS LAST DAYS HE
HAD BECOME EXTREMELY INTER-
ESTED IN THE OCCULT... HAD
BEGUN TO BELIEVE
AS I ALWAYS HAVE
THAT THE DEAD
CAN RETURN
FROM THE
GRAVE!

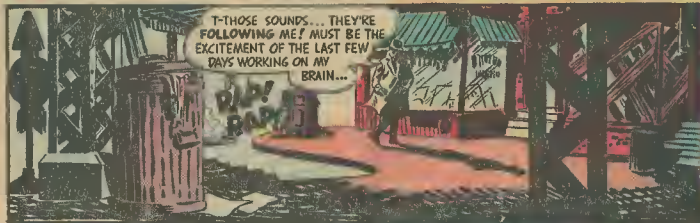
HE DID, EH? SEE IF YOU CAN
GET HIM ON THE LINE, THEN! I'D
LIKE TO ASK THE OLD BUZ... ER...
GENT... A FEW QUESTIONS.
SUMMON HIS GHOST...
OR WHATEVER
YOU CALL IT!

I WILL TRY,
SIR! YOUR
UNCLE MOCKED AT
FIRST, TOO... BUT
HE CAME TO
BELIEVE!

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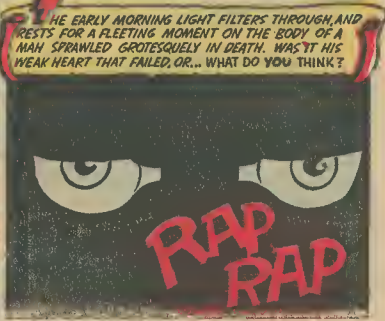
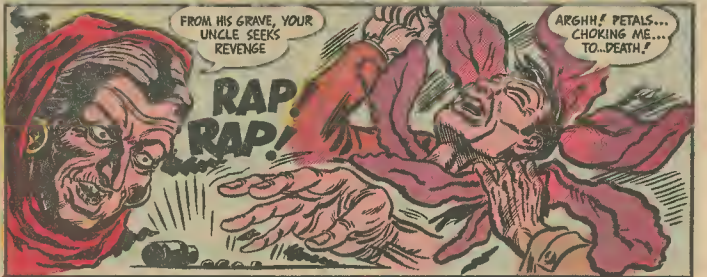


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3 SIDNEY REACHES THE BULWER ESTATE JUST BEFORE DAWN AND IMMEDIATELY GOES TO THE GREENHOUSE TO LOCK UP BEFORE RETIRING...

BILLS! BILLS! ANOTHER \$50,000 DOWN THE DRAIN. I'LL SMASH THIS LOUSY...

4 AS SIDNEY RAISES THE EXPENSIVE FLOWER OVER HIS HEAD TO CRASH IT TO THE FLOOR HE SLIPS ON A SMALL PUDDLE OF WATER... AND THE PLANT AS IF ALIVE, LEAPS FROM HIS HANDS... AND...



1 THE EARLY MORNING LIGHT FILTERS THROUGH, AND RESTS FOR A FLEETING MOMENT ON THE BODY OF A MAN SPRAWLED GROTESQUELY IN DEATH. WAS IT HIS WEAK HEART THAT FAILED, OR... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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FOR THREE GUN-CRAZED YEARS, BILL KARGER HAD SLITHERED THROUGH POLICE DRAGNETS. WANTED IN A DOZEN STATES FOR COLD-BLOODED MURDER, KARGER SNEERED THAT HE WOULD NEVER BE EXECUTED FOR HIS CRIMES... SWORE HE WOULD...

Escape FROM THE NOOSE



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ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BENTONVILLE, ONE DREARY EVENING, THE ROAR OF GUNPLAY SHATTERED THE SILENCE...

I-IT'S KARGER, ALL RIGHT! WITH HIS TIRES FULL OF BULLETS HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT IN HIS CAR!

WE OUGHTTA PUMP HIM FULL OF LEAD...LIKE HE DID THOSE COPS IN ILLINOIS. BUT OUR ORDERS ARE TO TAKE HIM ALIVE...



KARGER'S STOPPED FIRING! IT MUST BE A TRICK...THAT INSANE KILLER'O NEVER GIVE UP AS LONG AS HE WAS BREATHING!

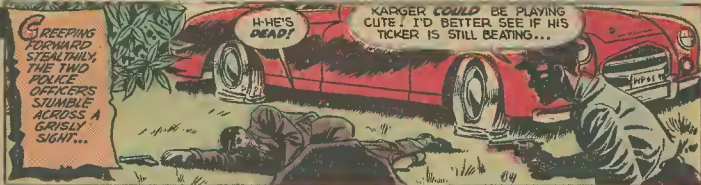
HE MAY HAVE MADE A RUN FOR IT! W-WE'LL HAVE TO RISK OUR NECKS AND GO FOR A LOOK-SEE...



GREEPING FORWARD STEALTHILY, THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS STUMBLE ACROSS A GRISLY SIGHT...

W-HE'S DEAD!

KARGER COULD BE PLAYING CUTE. I'D BETTER SEE IF HIS TICKER IS STILL BEATING...



HEART'S STILL GOING! RUN UP TO THE ROAD AND CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE! HE'S GOT SO MANY SLUGS IN 'IM HE'LL PROBABLY NEVER REACH THE HOSPITAL ALIVE... BUT WE GOT OUR ORDERS!

KEEP YOUR GUN ON HIM WHILE I'M GONE! BE BACK IN A MINUTE...



YOUR PRISONER'S NICKNAMED **BULL** FOR A GOOD REASON...NO HUMAN COULD'VE SURVIVED ALL THESE WOUNDS! WE'LL HAVE TO HEAD FOR THE NEAREST HOSPITAL... IF HE LIVES THROUGH AN EMERGENCY OPERATION, YOU CAN MOVE HIM TO THE POLICE WARD LATER!



WE'LL TAKE HIM UP TO EMERGENCY IMMEDIATELY... GOT TO GET THOSE SLUGS OUT OF HIM BEFORE THEY TOUCH HIS MISERABLE HEART!

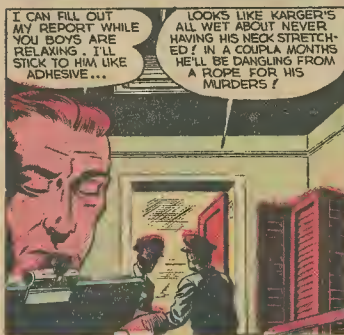
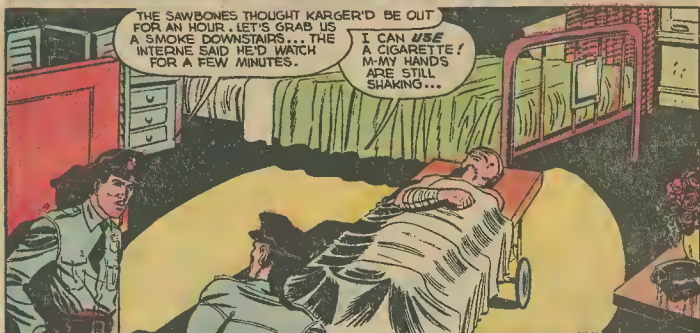
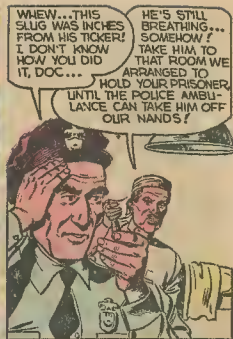
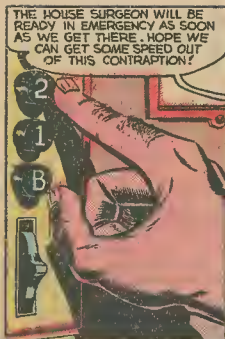
YOU JUST SHOW US WHERE TO OUMP 'IM, DOC...



W-WHERE AM I? C-COPS... MUST BE HOSPITAL! EVERY...EVERYTHING'S SPINNING LIKE CRAZY...WHERE... WE... GOING? ELEVATOR...



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THE LAW WON'T EVER PUT A NOOSE AROUND **BULL KARGER'S** NECK! WHEN I KICK THE BUCKET... IT'LL BE BECAUSE I'VE ARRANGED IT **MYSELF!**



NO JAIL'S EVER HELD **BULL KARGER** BEFORE... AND NO LOUSY HOSPITAL CAN EITHER!



Y-YOU...
YOU...

ACHHHH!



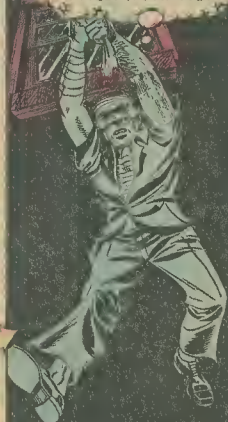
THESE SHEETS
TIED TOGETHER
WILL HELP ME
GET OUTTA
THIS JAM...



W H WEE! NOT EVEN A BAR ON THE WINDOW! MUSTA THOUGHT I'D BE UNCONSCIOUS FOR HOURS! THEY THOUGHT I WAS AN **ORDINARY** MUGG...THEIR MISTAKE WAS IN NOT RECKONING WITH **BULL KARGER!**



R-REACHED THE END OF THE SHEETS... STILL HAVEN'T TOUCHED THE GROUND! BUT IT C-CAN'T BE TOO MUCH FURTHER... MEBBE A FEW FEET!



D-DARK AS A COAL MINE OUT HERE... WINDOW MUST LOOK OUT ON AN INSIDE SHAFT! ARM'S BEGINNING TO HURT... BUT I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!



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I'LL JUMP THE REST OF THE WAY! W-WHAT AM I WAITING FOR? IT'S ONLY THE **SECOND FLOOR**... **HERE GOES!**



W-WHAT WAS **THAT?** SOUNDED LIKE A...

JUST YOUR NERVES... YOU'RE ALL ON EDGE LIKE ME! IT ISN'T EVERY DAY YOU BRING IN A PUBLIC ENEMY LIKE **BULL KARGER!**



WE BETTER GET BACK TO **KARGER'S ROOM**... HE MAY SURPRISE ALL OF US AND RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS FASTER! WE THINK. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THAT INTERNE ALONE WITH A **KILLER!** C'MON...

RIGHT WITH YOU!



KARGER'S TALK ABOUT NEVER LETTING THE LAW PUT A ROPE AROUND HIM... I-I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE MAY BE RIGHT...

DON'T BE A SIMP! WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED IN THAT HOSPITAL ROOM... HE'LL NEVER ESCAPE THAT NOOSE!

T-THE ONLY THING THAT'LL CONVINCE **ME** IS SEEING HIM SWING IN THE BREEZE! STILL... EVERY-THING'S QUIET!

SURE! LIKE I TOLD YOU... **KARGER'S** NUMBER IS UP **THIS** TIME!



WE'LL MOVE HIM BACK TO THE **SECOND FLOOR**, SO HE'LL BE EASIER TO CARRY OUT WHEN THAT POLICE AMBULANCE GETS HERE!

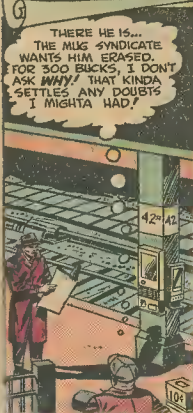
LUGGING HIM DOWN FROM THE **NINTH FLOOR**, HERE, ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY LAUGHING MATTER! THAT GUY IS **DEAD** WEIGHT...

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NED BRENT HAD A JOB TO DO... A NIGHT'S WORK MEANT A NICE BANKROLL IN EXCHANGE FOR A FEW SECONDS OF MURDER! IT WAS RISKY, ALL RIGHT... BUT NED BRENT WASN'T AFRAID OF THE...

HOT SEAT!



THERE HE IS... THE MUG SYNDICATE WANTS HIM ERASED. FOR 300 BUCKS, I DON'T ASK WHY! THAT KINDA SETTLES ANY DOUBTS I MIGHTA HAD!



BEEN TRAILING THIS GUY ALL WEEK... HIS ROUTINE DON'T EVER SEEM TO CHANGE. HE'LL BE CATCHING THE UP-TOWN EXPRESS THAT PASSES THROUGH HERE IN EXACTLY 3 MINUTES...



...ONLY THIS TIME MR. X IS GONNA MEET THE TRAIN HEAD-ON... RIGHT ON THE TRACKS!



SO LONG, PUNK... YOU GOT A DATE WITH THIS MESS OF STEEL MOVING INTO THE STATION...

OOOF! W-WATCH OUT...!



H-HEY... LEGGO, YOU JERK!

THE TRAIN!!



THIS TRAIN IS YOURS, FATHEAD... I'LL SIT IT OUT ON THE SIDELINES!

N-NO... NO! Y-YOU CAN'T Z..

THE THIRD RAIL... HE'S BURNING TO DEATH ON IT... AND THE TRAIN IT'S STOPPED! HIS BODY MUST'VE SHORT-CIRCUITED THE POWER LINES

YEEAAH!!



THE VIBRATIONS OF DESTRUCTION

Detective Jahn Henderson examined the blackmail note very carefully and then talked to the man at his side.

"Cheap stationery. The kind you can buy in any five and ten in town. Pica type and we could tell the make of typewriter used. But never in my experience on the Blackmail Squad have I ever seen anything like this. Almost too fantastic to be true."

"I agree with you," replied Williard Drucker, the famous bridge builder. "But what am I to do? The writer informs me to collect the sum of \$100,000 or he will destroy the bridge. Later he will tell me where to leave the money. He says that tomorrow morning he will cause a girder on the office building they are erecting on Main Street to smash. Just to show me he can wreck anything made out of steel."

"Chances are a crank wrote this note," conceded the detective. "But you must play safe. I will go over with you to that building and show them this note and ask them to keep the men off the building."

Bill O'Brien wasn't afraid of anything that walked on two or four feet. His job was to erect that new building on Main Street. He had just listened attentively to what his two visitors told him.

"I'm three days behind schedule. Just because some crank wrote this crazy letter you want me to lose another day. You can't legally stop me so I'm going ahead. And I'll be on the top girder with my boys. Just wait around and you'll see nothing happens."

It was ten in the morning and Bill O'Brien was on the thirteenth floor of the building on Main Street. He was talking to his foreman, Joe Garantz.

"I'm glad we didn't say anything to the men, Joe. But we got them off this floor. Here we are on a girder at the edge of the building. Nothing has happened."

"There's a funny vibration I feel through my shoes, Mr. O'Brien," replied the foreman.

"As though the girder were shaking."

Before the builder could answer, the girder split, crashed over the side of the building and hurled the two men to a terrible death on the street below.

The reporters were all around Detective Jahn Henderson and Williard Drucker. Herb Guttman, of the DAILY POST, came right to the point.

"This blackmailer seems to have found out how to make steel vibrate and smash. Definitely he can wreck the bridge. Are you going to pay the money?"

"Title to the partially built bridge is in the county," replied the bridge builder. "The authorities have given me the money and told me to pay the blackmail. They are convinced the bridge can be wrecked. I am to go out in a fishing boat by myself. A man will pass me and ask me if I have purple bait. I am to give him the money."

A week had passed since the blackmail had been paid and the town people were feeling better. Then Ray Markenson who was erecting a sports arena got a similar blackmail note which he immediately took to Detective Jahn Henderson.

"They want \$50,000 from me," complained Ray Markenson. "To show me what will happen if I don't pay the money, I am to go to the Hight's Street Railroad Station on Friday. All the signal towers will collapse."

"We will be at the Railroad Station and this time we will have traffic stopped. The Governor will cooperate and declare a state of emergency. Williard Drucker asked to be in anything that develops. He wants to get the person behind all this."

"On Friday morning an entire area had been roped off and was being patrolled by National Guard troops. Not a single train was running on that section of the railroad and traffic had been diverted to other branches of the railroad. The three men watched and suddenly Williard Drucker shouted at the top

of his voice.

"Look out! The signal towers are collapsing!"

Tons of steel came crashing down to the ground. Fortunately, this time, not a person was killed or injured. But Herb Guttman, who was there to cover the story for his paper, expressed the thought every sensible man must have had.

"You are going to have panic in this city. In every office building, in every apartment house, in every factory, over every highway, there will be the feeling that there is an unknown force that can strike at will. How do you fight the unknown?"

"By making it known," snapped back the detective. "There is a human being doing all this and we'll get him. Somehow he will make a mistake. Perhaps only a slight slip up and then we'll nab him."

Directions to pay the blackmail were almost the same as in the previous case. But the detective had a different plan in mind.

"You go with Mr. Markenson in the boat," he told the bridge builder. "We will have a high altitude plane in the sky with telescopic sights. They will pinpoint your boat and be able to keep track of the boat that comes up to you for the money. Then they will at once radio directions and instructions to a picked group of our men. They will be ready in boats, cars, and helicopters to close in on a trap. We'll get our man this time!"

At End's Pier, Roy Markenson and Willard Drucker got into a fast motor boat. The money was in a waterproof canvas bag. They headed the boat to a given spot which had been designated in a second note from the blackmailer. But when the boat was overdue, a Coast Guard Boat set out for it with Detective John Henderson aboard. Following directions given by the high altitude plane, they finally picked up the boat some ten miles off its course. Only the bridge builder was in the boat. He was bleeding and wounded. They took him aboard the Coast Guard Boat and finally he was able to talk.

"What happened was terrible," he groaned. "We were at our destination when suddenly a creature appeared at the side of the boat. At first I thought it was a fish. Then I realized it was a human in disguise with a lung apparatus. Roy went for him and was dragged overboard in a second. I tried to fight but was knocked unconscious. When I got back to my senses the bag with the money was gone. But I guess we fooled him this time. All he got for his trouble was pieces of newspaper cut up to resemble bills."

The next day the newspapers of the city

all received a similar message from the blackmailer.

"I was fooled and did not get money. Roy Markenson is dead and at the bottom of the sea. As a lesson to the city I will now destroy the entire sports arena he was building. Then I will wreck an office building every day for a week. Don't try to fool me next time. I want two million dollars. Instructions will follow later."

The exodus from the city had begun. Traffic was directed to upstate towns. But there were sturdy souls that refused to be terrorized. They remained behind to watch the sports arena crumble to the ground.

"This lunatic could wreck our entire nation," commented Herb Guttman. "My paper alone is offering a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of this blackmailer. At this moment the total amount of reward money is about two hundred thousand dollars. And in real good U.S. money!"

Willard Drucker watched silently as crews of men began at once to remove the smashed remains of the partially built sports arena.

"A man like the blackmailer with such power could ultimately rule this nation. And then the world."

The bridge builder rode next to the detective as the two headed away from the scene of recent destruction.

"The man who built the apparatus designed for this destruction must have had some scientific training and background in physics," said the detective. "His motive was money and probably the desire for power. But in order to build his apparatus he had to have parts. Not parts that he could manufacture but parts which he had to purchase. So we had five of our top physicists figure out tentative plans for a vibration machine that would destroy steel. Then we checked local radio part concerns for recent sales. Gave us several leads."

The car stopped at Police Headquarters and both men got out.

"I'll pick up a cab here and go to my office," said the bridge builder.

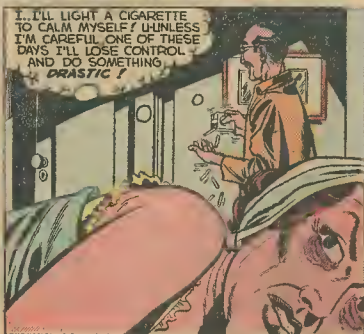
In a minute the bracelets were on his hands.

"You're going right inside with me," ordered the detective. "Don't forget you are a killer. The two men on the girder. And you also killed Roy. That's how you betrayed yourself. How did you know there was newspaper in the canvas bag? Even Roy himself didn't know. Not unless you opened it. You made your mistake and believe me, it will be your last mistake . . ."

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THROUGHOUT SIX HARROWING YEARS OF MARRIAGE, CHARLIE NOONAN WAS TERRORIZED BY HIS WIFE'S SCATHING TONGUE AND HER INCESSANT DEMAND FOR NEATNESS! THEN, SUDDENLY, A STARTLING CHANGE IN CHARLIE'S CHEMISTRY MADE HIM RESOLVE TO FOREGO HIS SLOPPY WAYS... TO BECOME SYSTEMATIC AND ORDERLY ENOUGH TO COMMIT...

MURDER ON TIME!



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E-EMMA... I... I
DIDN'T KNOW YOU
WERE AWAKE...

LOOK, WHAT YOU DID, YOU SLOB!
CIGARETTES ALL OVER THE RUG!
I NEARLY BROKE MY BACK
CLEANING THIS ROOM TODAY...

D-DON'T
YOU TROUBLE
YOURSELF EMMA
...I'LL PICK UP
THOSE...

THE MATCH, YOU
IDIOT! HAVEN'T I
FORBIDDEN YOU TO
SMOKE IN THE BED-
ROOM? I WORK MY
FINGERS TO THE
BONE, AND YOU...

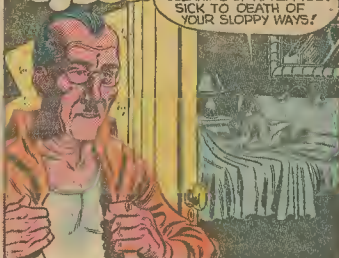


P-PLEASE
DON'T
EXCITE
YOURSELF...

THE ASH! SCATTERED ALL OVER
THE FLOOR! I SHOULD'VE
LISTENED TO MAMA WHEN
SHE WARNED THAT YOU WERE
NOTHING BUT A DISORGAN-
IZED NINCOMPPOOP!

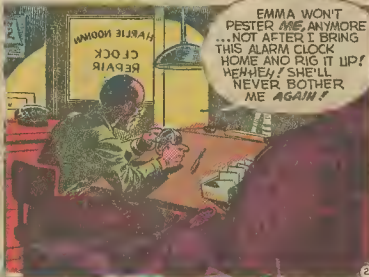
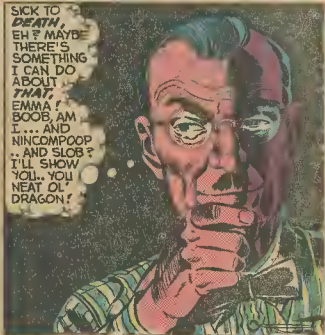
I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE... GOT TO GET
DOWN TO THE SHOP
...PLUNGE INTO WORK
TO KEEP FROM DOING
SOMETHING TERRIBLE!

...AND HANG UP YOUR
NIGHTSHIRT, YOU SLOVENLY
BOOB! I'M SICK OF
CLEANING UP AFTER YOU!
SICK TO DEATH OF
YOUR SLOPPY WAYS!



SICK TO
DEATH,
EH? MAYBE
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I CAN DO
ABOUT
THAT,
EMMA!
BOOB, AM
I... AND
NINCOMPPOOP
...AND SLOB?
I'LL SHOW
YOU... YOU
NEAT OL
DRAGON!

IL THE WEE HOURS OF THAT MORNING, CHARLIE
NOOMAN WORKED IN HIS LITTLE SHOP, AND SLOWLY
HIS FRIGHT TURNED TO CUNNING, THEN TO
DETERMINATION...



EMMA WON'T
PESTER ME, ANYMORE
...NOT AFTER I BRING
THIS ALARM CLOCK
HOME AND RIG IT UP!
HEHEH! SHE'LL
NEVER BOTHER
ME AGAIN!

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ON MY WAY HOME I'LL STOP AND GET A PINCH OF THAT EXPLOSIVE I READ ABOUT. THEN I'LL SEND MYSELF THE TELEGRAM I FIGGERED OUT AND... HEE HEE... I'LL BE FREE! FREE TO BE AS SLOPPY AS I PLEASE!



THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN AN HOUR, SIR? I'LL GET TO WORK ON IT RIGHT NOW...

THAT'LL BE SWELL, GIRLIE... I KNOW MR.

NOONAN'LL BE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE IT!



HA HA HA! THAT TELEGRAM'LL BE AT THE HOUSE BY 4 O'CLOCK! GIVES ME TIME TO MAKE MY ARRANGEMENTS, THEN AMSCRAY! HEE HEE HEE! FIRST TIME I'VE FELT THIS LIGHTHEADED IN SIX YEARS!



'LO, EMMA... THOUGHT I'D COME HOME A LITTLE EARLIER THAN...

DON'T START BY DROPPING YOUR COAT AND HAT ON THE FLOOR! HANG THE STUFF UP NEATLY! I JUST DUSTED!



SORRY I GOT YOU ALL RILED UP THIS MORNING, EMMA. DECIDED TO MAKE UP BY BRINGING YOU THIS...

LOOK AT THE MESS YOU'VE MADE! TRYING TO KEEP THIS PLACE CLEAN IS IMPOSSIBLE, WITH A PIG LIKE YOU AROUND! PICK THAT STUFF UP!



WASN'T THAT THE DOOR, EMMA? OH... YOU GOT IT ALREADY, ANYTHING IMPORTANT?

CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT IT IS, STUPID? A TELEGRAM!



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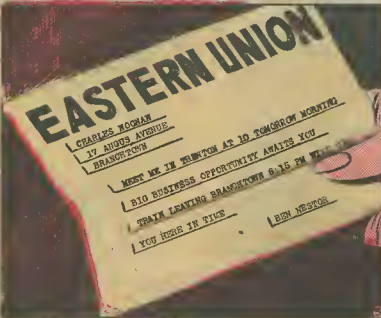
CHARLES NOONAN
17 ARDUE AVENUE
BRANTFORD

MEET ME IN BRANTON AT 10 TOMORROW MORNING
BIG BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ANALYS YOU

TRAIN LEAVING BRANTFORD 6:15 PM

YOU HERE IN TIME

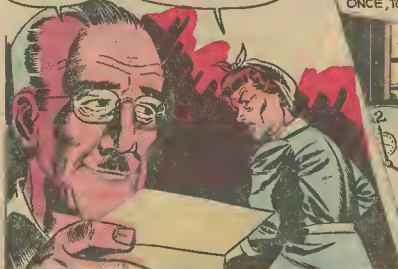
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WHY, IT'S FROM MY OLD PAL BEN! I'D BETTER PACK...

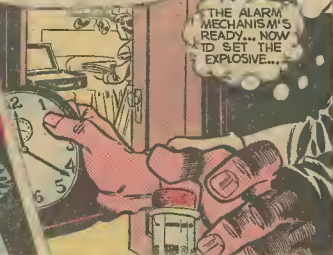
I'LL PACK! I'D HATE TO THINK OF THE MESSY SORT OF PACKING YOU'D DO! WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING...



...AND, FOR GOODNESS SAKE, TRY TO KEEP YOUR STUFF IN ORDER! WHEN SOMETHING GETS SOILED, JUST DON'T JAM IT IN WITH YOUR CLEAN CLOTHING! TRY, FOR ONCE, TO BE **METHODICAL!**

YES, EMMA!

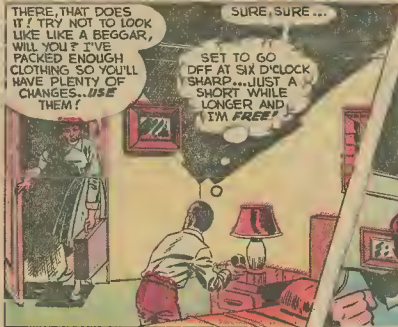
THE ALARM MECHANISM'S READY... NOW TO SET THE EXPLOSIVE...



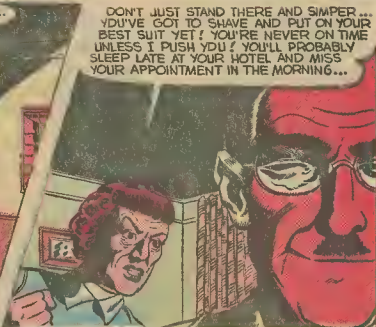
THERE, THAT DOES IT! TRY NOT TO LOOK LIKE A BEGGAR, WILL YOU? I'VE PACKED ENOUGH CLOTHING SO YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF CHANGES... **USE THEM!**

SURE, SURE...

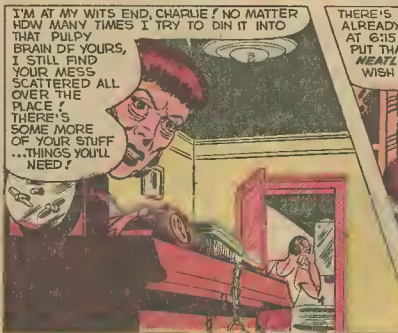
SET TO GO OFF AT SIX O'CLOCK SHARP... JUST A SHORT WHILE LONGER AND I'M **FREE!**



DON'T JUST STAND THERE AND SIMPER... YOU'VE GOT TO SHAVE AND PUT ON YOUR BEST SUIT YET! YOU'RE NEVER ON TIME UNLESS I PUSH YOU! YOU'LL PROBABLY SLEEP LATE AT YOUR HOTEL AND MISS YOUR APPOINTMENT IN THE MORNING...



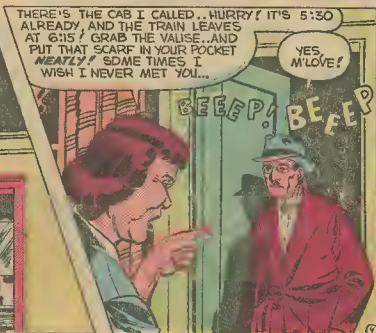
I'M AT MY WITS' END, CHARLIE! NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRY TO DIT IT INTO THAT PULPY BRAIN OF YOURS, I STILL FIND YOUR MESS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE! THERE'S SOME MORE OF YOUR STUFF... THINGS YOU'LL NEED!



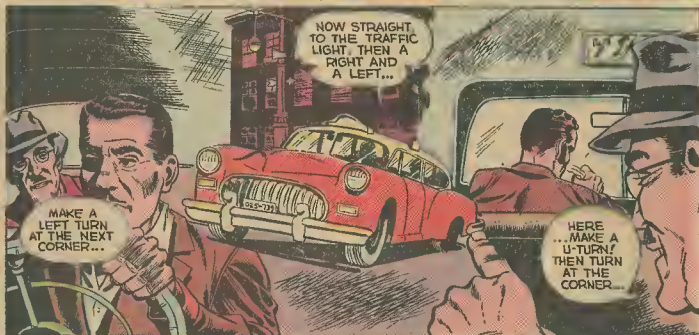
THERE'S THE CAB I CALLED... HURRY! IT'S 5:30 ALREADY, AND THE TRAIN LEAVES AT 6:15! GRAB THE VALISE... AND PUT THAT SCARF IN YOUR POCKET **NEATLY!** SOME TIMES I WISH I NEVER MET YOU...

YES, M'LOVE!

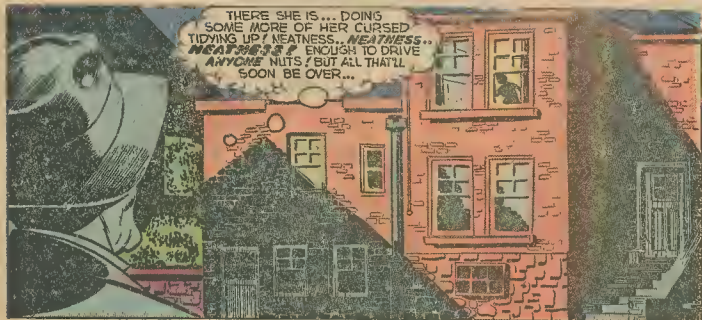
BEEEP! BEEEP!



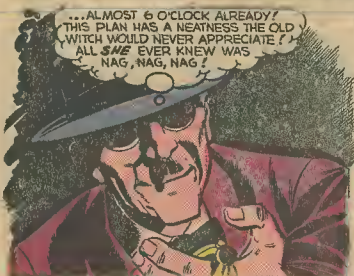
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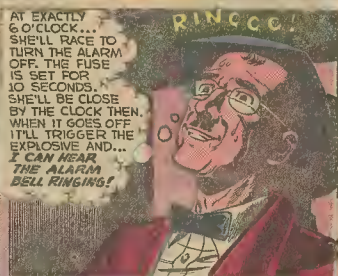
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THERE SHE IS... DOING
SOME MORE OF HER CURSED
TIDYING UP! NEATNESS... *NEATNESS*...
NEATNESS IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE
ANYONE NUTS! BUT ALL THAT'LL
SOON BE OVER...



...ALMOST 6 O'CLOCK ALREADY!
THIS PLAN HAS A NEATNESS THE OLD
WITCH WOULD NEVER APPRECIATE!
ALL *SHE* EVER KNEW WAS
NAG, NAG, NAG!



AT EXACTLY
6 O'CLOCK...
SHE'LL RACE TO
TURN THE ALARM
OFF. THE FUSE
IS SET FOR
10 SECONDS.
SHE'LL BE CLOSE
BY THE CLOCK THEN.
WHEN IT GOES OFF
IT'LL TRIGGER THE
EXPLOSIVE AND...
*I CAN HEAR
THE ALARM
BELL RINGING!*

RINGGG!



ONLY EIGHT MORE
SECONDS LEFT TO
YOUR WORTHLESS LIFE.
EMMA... SEVEN...
SIX...



T-THE ALARM... IT'S
RINGING RIGHT INSIDE MY
VALISE! IT'S GOT ME
HEMMED IN! E-EVEN
IF I MAKE A DASH
FOR IT, THE BLAST'LL
KILL ME!



E-EMMA... HER
NEATNESS... MUST'VE
PACKED THE CLOCK IN
MY BAG!
**THREE SECONDS LEFT
..TWO.. ONE!**

R-R-RINGGG!

CAUGHT YOUR BREATH, DEAR READER? WELL, THEN, HOW DO YOU THINK THIS MACABRE LITTLE GEM
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SLIPPING INTO THE MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES WAS A CINCH FOR A MAN AS RESOLUTE AS LESTER KINCAID... HE HAD AN EYE FOR DIAMONDS BUT NOT A KNOWLEDGE OF ANCIENT ARMOR AND TORTURE CHAMBERS. STEALING THE FABULOUS RUBY OF RAVENNA WAS AN INSPIRATION. AND FOR HIS ESCAPE, KINCAID HAD A TRULY...

SHARP IDEA !!!



NOT A GUARD IN SIGHT... THEY MUST ALL BE IN THE PREHISTORIC CHAMBER INVESTIGATING THAT LITTLE FIRE I STARTED... WHICH LEAVES IT NICE AND QUIET FOR ME... TO STEAL THE RUBY OF RAVENNA! COME TO PAPA, YOU HUNDRED-GRAND WORTH OF BLOOD-RED ROCK!

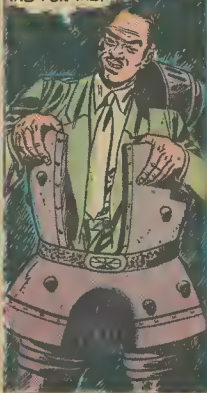
LOOKS AS IF THE FAMOUS CURSE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO DOOM ANYONE STEALING FROM THE MUSEUM IS ABOUT TO GET THE BIG HA HA! I'LL BE OUT IN ANOTHER... OH!... C-COP DOWN THE HALL...



I-I DON'T KNOW IF THAT GUARD SPOTTED ME OR NOT... BUT I CAN'T RISK BEING FRISKED! I'LL DUCK IN HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES. THAT BIG IRON KIMONO OUGHTTA MAKE A GOOD HIDING PLACE



OPENS JUST LIKE A SARDINE CAN. HEH! HEH! A GOOD PLACE TO TAKE A BREATHE WHILE THE LAW RACES BY LOOKING FOR ME!



I- JUST IN TIME! SOON AS THEY GO QUIET DOWN I'LL SLIP OUT AND AMSCRAY! SLIPPING INTO THIS METAL BATHROBE IS A REAL SHARP IDEA, YESSIREEE! A HUNDRED-GRAND IDEA!

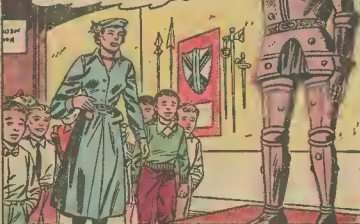


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HO HO! LOOK AT THE LAW CHASING AFTER ME, MAKING LIKE SHERLOCK HOLMES! AND HERE I AM IN A BOX SEAT! NOW I'LL JUST STEP OUT AND...

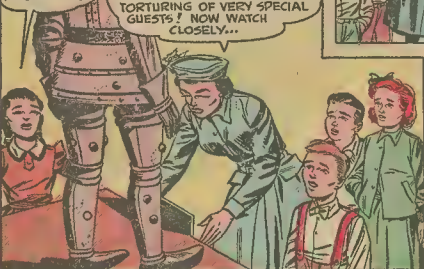


OOOPS! HAVE TO WAIT A MINUTE! HERE COMES A WHOLE TROOP OF KIDS WITH THEIR TEACHER! I CAN'T STEP OUT NOW WITHOUT STARTING A RIOT! I'LL WAIT... MIGHT BE WORTH A FEW LAUGHS... EAVESDROPPING!

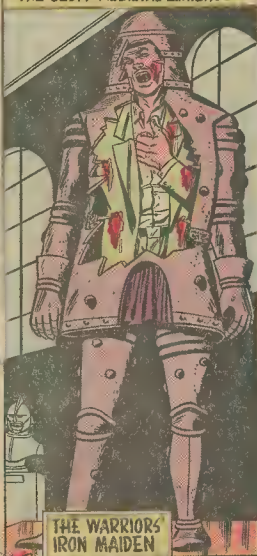


GEE! THIS ONE'S FRIGHTENING!

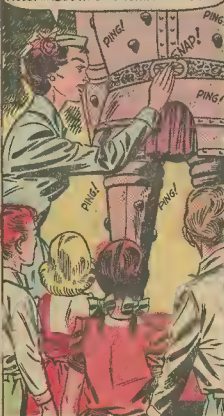
HERE, CHILDREN, WE HAVE THE IR... THE IRON MAIDEN! FAMED IN MEDIEVAL DAYS FOR THE TORTURING OF VERY SPECIAL GUESTS! NOW WATCH CLOSELY...



THE CLASS SCURRED UNEASILY FROM THE ROOM AND THE TRANQUILITY OF THE CENTURIES SETTLED BACK OVER THE DUSTY MEDIEVAL EXHIBITS



ACCORDING TO ANCIENT LEGEND, PRESSING THIS BUCKLE BROUGHT UH... QUICK RELIEF TO THE GUEST ACCOMMODATED WITHIN THE SUIT!



MRS. TERWILLIGER... S- SOUNDED LIKE A GROAN FROM INSIDE THE SUIT



NONSENSE. IT'S JUST THAT THE MECHANISM I PRESSED PROBABLY HASN'T BEEN OILED IN CENTURIES! LET'S GO... THIS PLACE IS A TRIFLE GRISLY FOR CHILDREN, AND TEACHERS TOO!

THE WARRIOR'S IRON MAIDEN

THERE WAS ONLY SILENCE NOW... AND THE MOTIONLESS FIGURE STANDING INSIDE THE IRON MAIDEN... THE CORPSE OF A MAN WHO HAD FALLEN VICTIM TO HIS OWN SHARP IDEA

The End

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THE ENMITY BETWEEN THE TWO PARTNERS WAS FAST APPROACHING A DEADLY CLIMAX, WHEN FATE STEPPED IN TO FORCE A...

CHANGE IN SCRIPT!

D-DON'T, HERB! T-THAT GUN... YOU'RE MAKING A **TRAGIC MISTAKE!**

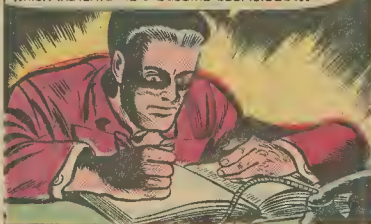
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE A MISTAKE, BENSON... BY THINKING YOU COULD TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE AND HELP RAILROAD **ME!**



STAN
ASH

THE OFFICES OF THE ALLIED DRUG COMPANY HAD BEEN TROUBLED ALL WEEK. FOR INSTANCE, PARTNER HERB DEAN WAS WORRIED AS HE STUDIED THE LEDGER...

T-THAT SHIPMENT OF AMBUTAL I HAD DILUTED... I THINK BENSON MAY HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT! HE'S GOT SOME NOTATIONS HERE IN THE LEDGERS WHICH INDICATE HE'S BECOME SUSPICIOUS...

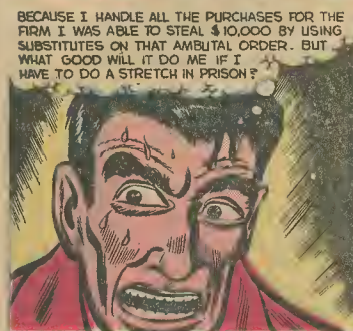
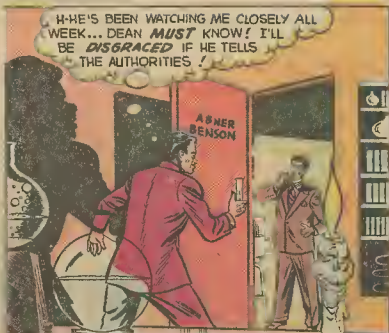


...WHILE PARTNER ABNER BENSON WAS SHOCKED BY A DREADFUL DISCOVERY...

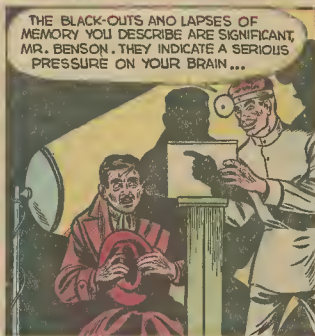
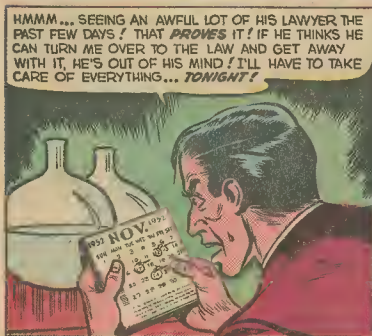
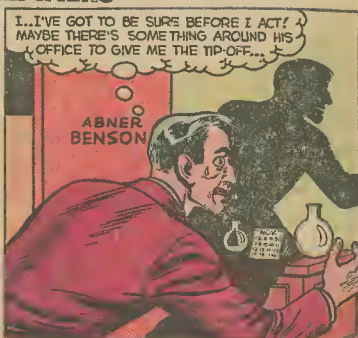
OUR WHOLE CONSIGNMENT OF AMBUTAL IS WRONG... WE CAN GO TO PRISON FOR A MISTAKE LIKE THIS! I...I REALLY **AM** LOSING MY MIND!



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WHILE ABNER BENSON HURRIES HOME, HIS PARTNER IS ALSO ON THE MOVE...

GOT TO GET TO BENSON'S PLACE IMMEDIATELY...STOP HIM FROM DOING WHAT HE PLANS! IT'S HIM...OR ME!



FRONT DOOR'S OPEN! BENSON'S GETTING AWFULLY CARELESS...MUST BE UNDER A LOT OF MENTAL ANGUISH TRYING TO WRITE *FINISH* TO MY CAREER, WITHOUT GETTING BURNED HIMSELF!



LUCKY FOR ME THAT MONA AND THE KID ARE IN FLORIDA! THIS WAY THEY'LL ESCAPE ALL THE UNPLEASANT PUBLICITY...



HE'S HOME...
GOOD! LUCKY FOR ME HE SHIPPED HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER OFF TO FLORIDA A WEEK AGO! HE'S ALL ALONE!



AT THAT MOMENT, ABNER BENSON HAD JUST COMPLETED WRITING...

EVERYTHING'S SET NOW! I'LL BE OUT OF THIS TROUBLE IN ANOTHER MINUTE, IF THINGS GO ACCORDING TO PLAN...



D-DEAN...
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



EVENING, BENSON...SURPRISED TO SEE ME, AREN'T YOU? THOUGHT YOU'D PULL YOUR LITTLE STUNT WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE, EH? YOU'RE IN FOR A SHOCK! A **DEADLY SHOCK!**

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N-**NOTHING** YOU CAN SAY WILL STOP ME FROM WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, DEAN!



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, BENSON... I'M HERE TO CHANGE THAT SCRIPT YOU'VE BEEN WRITING...

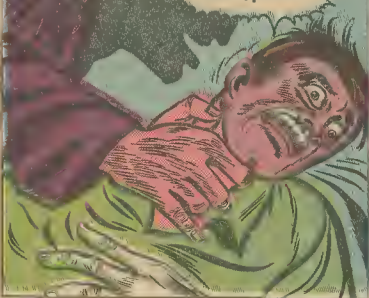
P-PLEASE DON'T INTERFERE WITH ME... IT'S B-BETTER THIS WAY!



HEH HEH! SURE IS... FOR **YOU!** BUT I'M GOING TO EDIT THAT SCRIPT OF YOURS...

...SO THAT YOU NEVER TALK AGAIN!

N-NO... Y-YOU'RE MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! I'M THE ONE WHO...
AGHHHHH!



YOU'LL NEVER SING TO THE POLICE **NOW**, YOU CRUMMY STOO! YOU MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY TO THINK I'D LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT!



W-WHAT'S THAT HE'S GOT IN HIS HAND? IT LOOKS LIKE... IT **IS**... A GUN! HE MUST'VE KNOWN I WAS COMING TO SETTLE SCORES TONIGHT!



H-HE WAS READY FOR ME... WITH A LOADED GUN HIDDEN UNDER THE BLANKETS! ONLY HE DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO PULL THE TRIGGER... DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE!



LAWBREAKERS

AFTER LARS ANDRE ROBBED THE MOOSEJAW TRADING POST, HE DECIDED TO PUT HIS FUTURE IN...

DEEP FREEZE

ALL RIGHT, BOYS... STOP YOUR TEETH FROM CHATTERING LONG ENOUGH TO GET THOSE PELTS OUT OF YOUR STORE-ROOM AND ONTO MY SLED!

YOU'RE CRAZY, ANDRE! THESE FURS HAVE OUR SERIAL NUMBERS STAMPED ON THE HIDES...



LOU MORALES

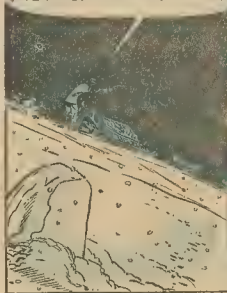
TOO SMART FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, KENDRICK... FOR YOUR BRAINWORK, HERE'S A MEDAL TO WEAR ON YOUR CHEST!



JUST DUMP THOSE FURS ON THE SLED, ALISON... IT'S THE LAST LOAD AND I WON'T BE NEEDING YOU ANY MORE!



NOBODY LEFT AT THE TRADING POST.. AND MY CROSSING THE GLACIER OUGHTTA DESTROY MY TRAIL FOR ANY OTHER SNOOPERS! C'MON, YOU HUSKIES... **MUSH!** WE'VE GOT MILES TO GO YET!



I WON'T NEED YOU **MUTTS** ANY MORE. NOW THAT YOU'VE LUGGED THE STUFF THIS FAR YOUR VALUE IS FINISHED!

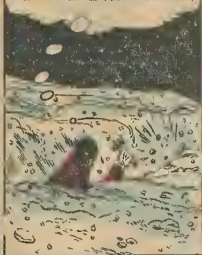


BURIED HERE IN THE GLACIAL ICE, THESE PELTS ARE AS SAFE AS THEY'D BE IN A BANK VAULT! THE COLD'LL KEEP 'EM FROM DETERIORATING.. AND NO ONE WILL EVER SEE 'EM UNTIL I COME BACK TO DIG THE FURS UP!



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AND NOW...IN CASE ANYONE **DOES** SUCCEED IN FOLLOWING MY TRAIL, A LITTLE UNPLEASANT SURPRISE WILL BE WAITING! CHOPPING THROUGH THIS THICK ICE IS HARD WORK BUT IT'S WORTH THE BACK-BREAKING EFFORT!



THERE IT IS.. THE TRAP'S FINISHED NOW! WHEW.. I'M TIRED. THINK I'LL JUST STRETCH OUT HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES. TAKE A LITTLE SNOOZE THEN MOVE ON...



NOW WE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO PICK UP HIS TRAIL! IF ONLY...

THE ICE... CRUMPLING UNDER US!

WE'RE FALLING!

CCERRACK



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, A TRACKING PARTY LABORS ACROSS THE GLACIER...

LUCKY THE BIG SNOW-FALL OF THE PAST FEW DAYS DIDN'T OBLITERATE HIS TRAIL! THE **FREEZE** MUST'VE KEPT THE PAW PRINTS INTACT...

THERE... STRAIGHT AHEAD! HIS DOGS... AND THEY LOOK AS IF...**DEAD!**



YOUR BEING WITH US SAVED OUR LIVES, ALISON... WE'D HAVE DIED DOWN HERE IN THIS CREVASSE! I'VE GOT A HUNCH ANDRE PLANNED THIS!

UNDER YOUR BOOTS. **L-LOOK!**



GOOD LORD! ANDRE... FROZEN SOLID? MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP AND...

DIED! IN HIS OWN DEEP FREEZE!



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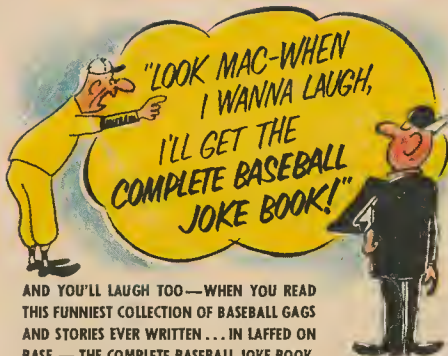
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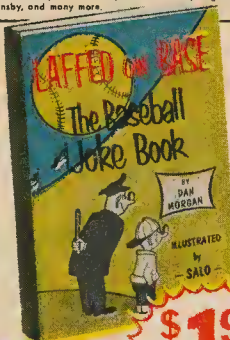
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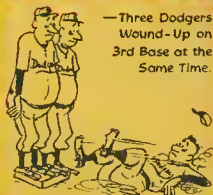
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